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ABSTRACT

This study examines the ideas and actions of Royce Pitkin, progressive educator, and president of Goddard College (Vermont) from the college's founding in 1938 to 1969, with emphasis on the period 1950 to 1967 when the author was also at Goddard. Part 1 presents analysis and interpretation in eight chapters which address: (1) the major problems faced by the college during this period; (2) societal communication and Goddard; (3) the perplexing problem of finance; (4) enrollment trends; (5) trends in Pitkin's thought and the institution's development; (6) educational experimentation at Goddard; (7) Pitkin's role as a trustee after his retirement from the presidency; and (8) interpretations and ongoing questions. Part 2 consists of selected writing of Pitkin. These include: "The Goddard College Philosophy" (1961); "Reports of the President of Goddard College" (for various years from 1948 through 1969); "A Program for the Liberals of Vermont and Quebec" (1941); "An Adventure in Adult Education" (1933); and various letters and discussion outlines. (DB)

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